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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - TEXT

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CINCUSNAVEUR VISITS KUWAIT

1. ADMIRAL WORTH BAGLEY, NEW CINCUSNAVEUR, VISITED KUWAIT OCTOBER 6-7 ACCOMPANIED BY POLAD GELBER, NEA AFFAIRS OFFICER LAMBRAKIS FROM AMEMBASSY LONDON, AND MILITARY AIDES. DUE SUDDEN FLARE-UP HOSTILITIES AMONG EGYPT, SYRIA AND ISRAEL, ADMIRAL BAGLEY DECIDED RETURN DIRECTLY TO LONDON INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING TO SAUDI ARABIA, BAHRAIN AND IRAN AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.
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2. HIGHLIGHT OF KUWAIT VISIT WAS MEETING WITH MINDEF SHAIKH SAAD. SAAD MENTIONED CURRENT GOK NAVAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UK AND ADDED THAT KUWAITI NAVAL PERSONNEL NOW UNDER GOING TRAINING IN UK. SAAD ALSO REVEALED GOK CONSIDERING FRENCH AND ITALIAN NAVAL WEAPONS SYSTEMS. ADMIRAL BAGLEY UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN INFO ON US NAVAL PATROL CRAFT TO BE PASSED TO KUWAITI MOD AS APPROPRIATE.

3. ADMIRAL BAGLEY ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY VISIT KUWAITI PORT AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, AND HE MET KOC MANAGER STRAND. HE DISCUSSED MILITARY SALES MATTERS WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS WHO ALSO BRIEFED HIM ON KUWAITI AND GULF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE VISIT, ALBEIT VERY BRIEF, WAS USEFUL IN PROVIDING NEW CINCUSNAVEUR WITH ON-THE-SCENE OPPORTUNITY GET FEEL FOR CURRENT AREA SITUATION. EMBASSY BENEFITTED FROM HIS PENETRATING QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE. HE SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN POLITICAL AND SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS AMONG GULF STATES INCLUDING IRAQ, BRITISH ROLE IN KUWAIT AND GULF REGION AND THE SUCURITY INTERESTS IN THIS REGION.
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